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For Immediate Release:

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY FOR EIU CLASSES BEING OFFERED AT PARKLAND

CHAMPAIGN -- Registration is currently underway for Eastern Illinois University classes being offered at Parkland College.

EIU's School of Adult and Continuing Education, in partnership with Parkland, offers three bachelor degree programs at the Champaign site. Evening and weekend upper-division and graduate-level classes support Eastern's Board of Trustees Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, a bachelor of science degree in career and organizational studies and a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Two master degree programs are offered through the partnership -- a master of science in technology degree and the master of business administration degree.

"Eastern Illinois University, through the School of Adult and Continuing Education, highly prizes our collaborative and cooperative relationship with Parkland College," said William C. Hine, dean of the college. "We have worked together in developing a number of important joint education projects and we look forward to building upon the strong base to increase our collaborative endeavors.

"We are grateful for Parkland College working with us. I also greatly appreciate EIU's administrators and faculty in working with us to offer these programs," he added.

Eastern and Parkland have enjoyed an official partnership agreement since 1989, with

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

classes that have been offered in the traditional classroom setting, distance learning classroom settings and on-line. EIU maintains office space on the Parkland campus, with a full-time staff member located there. The program has grown over the years, culminating with more than 900 enrollments in Spring 2001 classes.

The business degrees have been added during the past five years, and the two schools are planning on adding more bachelor and master degree programs as they expand their "2+2" partnership in serving residents of the Parkland College district.

Programs under consideration for addition include bachelor degree programs in secondary education and psychology, as well as a master degree program in education, a Master Teacher National Board Certificate Program and graduate certificates under Eastern's School of Technology.

Those wishing to register for classes or to obtain general information about EIU's offerings at Parkland should call the Champaign campus at (217) 351-2543 or Eastern's School of Adult and Continuing Education in Charleston at 1(800) 446-8918. Fall 2001 classes are scheduled to begin Aug. 20.